

SENATE BILL 291  
By Cohen

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3,  
relative to public purchases of motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3, is amended by adding  
the following language as a new, appropriately designated part:

Section 12-3-1301.

As used in this part, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "CARB certified vehicle" means a vehicle which meets emissions  
standards approved by the California Air Resources Board;
- (2) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of general services;
- (3) "Department" means the department of general services;
- (4) "State" means the state of Tennessee.

Section 12-3-1302.

In exercising his duties under § 4-3-1105(10), the commissioner shall encourage  
the acquisition of energy efficient vehicles in the fleet of state vehicles, and at a  
minimum, at least ten percent (10%) of all vehicles purchased by the department each  
year shall be hybrid-electric or CARB certified vehicles.

Section 12-3-1303.

The department shall promulgate rules to regulate the purchases authorized in §  
12-3-1302. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the  
provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act compiled at Tennessee Code  
Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 2 . For the purpose of promulgating any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this part, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect January 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.